- (F) "BOARD", EXCEPT "LOCAL BOARD", MEANS THE MARYLAND STATEWIDE MASTER ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD.
- (G) "LOCAL BOARD" MEANS AN ELECTRICAL BOARD LAWFULLY CONSTITUTED IN ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION WITHIN THIS STATE.

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- (A) BY-JULY-17-19847-AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (B)(1) AND (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT 9 PERSONS, WHO SHALL CONSTITUTE THE MARYLAND STATEWIDE ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD.
- (B) (1) THE 9 MEMBER BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 6 MASTER ELECTRICIANS AND 3 PUBLIC MEMBERS. EACH MEMBER SHALL BE A CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND. TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY NOT BE RESIDENTS OF THE SAME CITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.
- (2) THE 6 MASTER ELECTRICIAN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: 1 FROM BALTIMORE CITY, 1 FROM THE EASTERN SHORE (WHICH INCLUDES A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF CAROLINE, DORCHESTER, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, SOMERSET, TALBOT, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES), 1 FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF BALTIMORE, CECIL, AND HARFORD COUNTIES, 1 FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF ANNE ARUNDEL, CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES, 1 FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES, AND 1 FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF ALLEGANY, CARROLL, FREDERICK, GARRETT, HOWARD, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.
- (3) AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INITIAL BOARD, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT, EACH INDUSTRY MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS AS A QUALIFIED MASTER ELECTRICAL-CONTRACTOR ELECTRICIAN WHO HOLDS A CURRENT ACTIVE LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AND SHALL HAVE BEEN ENGAGED FOR NOT LESS THAN 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN.
- (4) THE 3 PUBLIC MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED AS F0bbows--1-FROM-THE-EASTERN-SHORE,-1-FROM-CENTRAL-MARYLAND,-AND-1 FROM-WESTERN-MARYLAND AT LARGE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.
- (C) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD INITIALLY SHALL BE: 3 MEMBERS FOR 1 YEAR, 3 MEMBERS FOR 2 YEARS, AND 3 MEMBERS FOR 3 YEARS. ALL TERMS OF OFFICE SHALL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30 OF THE LAST YEAR OF THE TERM. AS THE TERMS OF MEMBERS EXPIRE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS. A MEMBER MAY NOT SUCCEED HIMSELF AFTER SERVING A FULL TERM OF 3 YEARS, AND THE NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL BE FROM A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OTHER THAN THAT REPRESENTED BY ANY REMAINING MEMBER OF THE BOARD. VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD